

Newfields Planning Board Meeting
April 15, 2010

Attendance: John Hayden, Jeff Feenstra, Selectmen's Representative Michael Woodworth, Town Planner Clay Mitchell, Mark Bouzianis and Alternate Jeff Feenstra. Absent from the meeting was Mike Todd, William Meserve, James Daley and Mike Price.

John Hayden was sworn in as Planning Board member. His term will expire in 2013.

Chairman Hayden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mary & James Vienneau Subdivision

The hearing on the original subdivision plan has been continued until May 2010. The Vienneau's are currently working with the US Department of Agriculture to put their land into a conservation easement.

Public Safety Impact Fee

Clay discussed the public safety impact fee. The Selectmen are starting a police department expansion committee to come up with a plan to expand the police department. The plan that the committee comes up with will address current needs, future growth and the cost of a new facility. Impact fees are the contribution that new developments provide for the impact they bring on the Town and these particular fees will go towards public safety expansion. Clay noted that if the impact fees are not used in six years the money is returned to the developer.

Rockingham Planning Commission Appointment

Mark Bouzianis made a motion to appoint Mike Price as the representative to the RPC. Jeff Feenstra seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Bouzianis and seconded by Mike Woodworth to re-appoint John Hayden as the Chairman for the upcoming year. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Clay discussed a recent situation with a homeowner and the discrepancy in his acreage and ability to build a barn within the setbacks. After much research and a visit to the site Clay was able to resolve the issue with the homeowner.

Clay will be meeting with the Conservation Commission on Monday to initiate the Energy Committee. This committee will focus on municipal energy use as well as educating the residents of the Town on energy conservation. The committee needs to be formed in order to apply for federal energy grants that are available. The Planning Board made the recommendation to appoint Jeff Feenstra to the Energy Committee. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Mike Woodworth to approve the February 2010 minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday May 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McKinnon